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SUBJECT: RWANDAN JUSTICE MINISTER THREATENS UNSPECIFIED  
LEGAL ACTION AGAINST CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC  
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2. (U) AN INTERVIEW WITH RWANDAN MINISTER OF AFRICA, NKUBITO, WHICH APPEARED IN THE FLEMISH SOCIALIST DE MORGEN, HAS ONCE AGAIN OPENED TO SCRUTINY THE ROLE OF THE AFRICA DIRECTORATE OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC INTERNATIONAL (IDC) IN SUPPORTING HUTU HARDLINERS IN THE REGIME OF DECEASED PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA. (FYI: THE IDC IS THE UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTIES.) NKUBITO ALLUDED TO THE POSSIBILITY OF INSTITUTING LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST BELGIAN NATIONALS FOR THEIR ROLE IN REGARD TO THE GENOCIDE COMMITTED IN RWANDA. THE RWANDAN JUSTICE MINISTER SAID THAT "IN MY OPINION, CERTAIN STATEMENTS AND POLICY DECISIONS BEFORE AND DURING THE GENOCIDE BY SO-CALLED AFRICA EXPERTS OF THIS ORGANIZATION (IDC) ARE TANTAMOUNT TO INSTIGATION TO PHYSICAL VIOLENCE AND GENOCIDE. THESE ARE UNACCEPTABLE PRACTICES TO WHICH WE MUST REACT."

3. (C) COMMENT. AS REFTELS A AND B REPORTED, BOTH ANDRE LOUIS, VP OF THE IDC, AND ALAIN DE BROUWER, ADVISOR TO THE AFRICA DIRECTORATE OF THE IDC, HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS PROMINENT SUPPORTERS OF HUTU HARDLINERS. DE BROUWER, IN PARTICULAR, HAS OFTEN BEEN MENTIONED BY THE BELGIAN MEDIA FOR HIS SUPPORT OF HABYARIMANA. THE MEDIA'S PERCEPTION OF WHERE DE BROUWER'S SYMPATHIES LIE IS CONFIRMED BY HIS PRIVATE UTTERANCES AND WRITINGS. POLOFF REVIEWED A COPY OF THE REPORT PREPARED BY DE BROUWER FOLLOWING HIS VISIT TO RWANDAN REFUGEE CAMPS. THE DOCUMENT, WRITTEN IN MID-NOVEMBER AND SENT TO FORMER BELGIAN PRIME MINISTER WILFRED MARTENS (A PROMINENT CVP MEMBER AND CURRENTLY PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN PEOPLE'S PARTY IN THE EUROPEAN

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PARLIAMENT) STATES, INTER ALIA, THAT HUTU REFUGEES HAD MANAGED TO ORGANIZE THEMSELVES DEMOCRATICALLY AND THAT THERE WERE NO CONSTRAINTS OR IMPEDIMENTS IN THE CAMPS ON REFUGEES DESIRING TO RETURN TO RWANDA.

4. (C) THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT'S CHARGE AGAINST THE IDC IS SOMEWHAT EMBARRASSING TO PM DEHAENE WHOSE PARTY IS AFFILIATED WITH THE IDC. BOTH

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[REDACTED] HAVE TOLD POLOFF THEY HAVE SERIOUS RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE IDC'S AFRICA DIRECTORATE. [REDACTED] ALLEGES DE BROUWER IS BELIEVED TO BE IN CONTACT WITH FORMER INTERIOR MINISTER NYANGOMA. [REDACTED] ALSO CLAIMS THE MILITANCY OF THE IDC ON BEHALF OF THE HUTU VIEWPOINT HAS DISCOMFITED BOTH THE PM AND FONMIN VANDENBROUCKE. THE FONMIN HAS WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH PM DEHAENE ON CENTRAL AFRICAN ISSUES SINCE HE TOOK OVER FROM FORMER FONMIN WILLY CLAES.

5. (C) NKUBITO'S STATEMENT ALSO COMES AT AN INOPPORTUNE MOMENT. THE GOVERNMENT'S AFRICAN POLICY DEBATE IS NOW SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE ON FEB. 10. IN RECENT DAYS, BELGIAN MEDIA HAS MADE MUCH OF SUPPOSED DIFFERENCES WITHIN THE CVP, DEHAENE'S PARTY, OVER THE ORIENTATION OF BELGIAN AID POLICY IN CENTRAL AFRICA (REFTEL C). PM DEHAENE HAS REFUTED STORIES OF DISAGREEMENTS WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT COALITION, AS WELL AS DISAVOWED CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE CVP'S INTERNAL DOCUMENTS ON AFRICAN AID POLICY. HOWEVER, DIVERGENCES BETWEEN THE SOCIALISTS AND CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS IN THE GOVERNMENT COALITION COULD BE EXACERBATED SHOULD THE IDC'S AFRICA DIRECTORATE AND BELGIAN CATHOLIC NGO'S BE

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FOUND TO HAVE CONDUCTED A "PARALLEL" POLICY IN RWANDA AT A TIME WHEN THE HABYARIMANA REGIME WAS ENGAGED IN A VIRULENT ANTI-BELGIAN CAMPAIGN. END COMMENT.

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